**File:** Children Who Received an Investigation or Alternative Response, 2010-2014: Counts and rates of children (unique count) who for received and investigation or alternative response for federal fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

**Source**: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. (2014). National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System: *CM\_OLAP\_Production\_2014* [Data system: database]. Retrieved July 29, 2015.

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**Background**: For more information about NCANDS, including the data collection process and data collected, see the Summary and Introduction chapters in the Child Maltreatment report for the federal fiscal year that corresponds to these data. Child Maltreatment reports are available on the Children’s Bureau website at

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>

Data fields and definitions in order of appearance

**State**: The primary unit from which child maltreatment data are collected. This includes all 50 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

**Year**: The NCANDS reporting year, which is based on the federal fiscal year (FFY) calendar. The FFY is the 12-month period from October 1 through September 30 used by the federal government. The FFY is designated by the calendar year in which it ends. Data in this file are based on completed reports that resulted in a disposition (or finding) as an outcome of the CPS response during the NCANDS reporting year.

**Measure 1**: Children (unique count).

**Format:** Number or rate per 1,000 children.

**Value**: Count or rate of children.